

Covemont Estates Neighborhood
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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
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February 10, 2015

The Honorable Madeline H. Haikala
Judge, U.S. District Court
1729 5th Avenue N
Rm 786
Birmingham, AL 35203
Jefferson County

Re: Proposed Consent Order

Judge Haikala:

My name is Brett Davenport. I am a resident of Huntsville, AL, and represent a neighborhood called Covemont Estates. I write in regards to the most recent proposed consent order that would rezone our neighborhood from Blossomwood Elementary to Monte Sano Elementary. A recent survey with 75% participation from our neighborhood concluded that 85% of residents in our neighborhood are adamantly opposed to this particular rezoning on the grounds of safety, with a secondary concern of being uprooted from our logical, historical, and convenient neighborhood school.

Our current commute to Blossomwood Elementary has lights protecting all of our left hand turns both to and from the school. The commute takes 8 minutes from driveway to school. In contrast, the commute to or from Monte Sano can take up to 4 times this long in traffic, is twice the distance from our neighborhood compared with Blossomwood, and does not have turn signals that will enable our entry to and from our neighborhood. It requires passage and left-hand turning on a most dangerous stretch of highway that has proven to be tragic for countless numbers of drivers. Further, the drive is a steep uphill route the entire way, which will make this even more treacherous during inclement weather. I am certain that this was not considered when the rezoning line was drawn by our officials, and we have urged the board, attorneys, and all other parties involved in this proposal to consider our safety now.

As a secondary concern, it would take parents twice as long to drop their kids off and pick them up from school (up to 30 minutes one way as opposed to 8 minutes currently). This amounts to kids having less time at home, and parents being less able to be involved in their child's school during a work day. Most residents in our neighborhood are professionals who work either at the hospital or downtown, both of which are adjacent to Blossomwood Elementary. We are petitioning you to please

consider our safety if the Huntsville Board of Education and DOJ representatives fail to do so. Please do not allow us to be uprooted from our neighborhood school. Blossomwood Elementary is close, convenient, and built by us.

I've enclosed our neighborhood petition with 73 signatures, along with a map of the 3 locations involved in this decision. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Brett Davenport, MD
Representative of Covemont Estates

Enc:

- 1) Neighborhood petition (73 signatures)
- 2) Map of Covemont neighborhood, Blossomwood Elementary, and Monte Sano

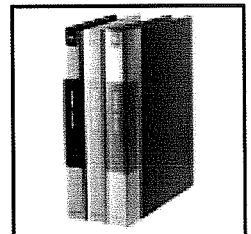
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Result:

The 73 signatures linked to this petition represent a unified opposition to the rezoning of the Covemont neighborhood from Blossomwood Elementary to Monte Sano Elementary. It is unsafe and imprudent.

Petition Background (Preamble):

We, the undersigned, are opposed to the current consent order proposal due to the re-zoning of Covemont neighborhood from the Blossomwood Elementary school zone to the Monte Sano Elementary school zone.

Our opposition is rooted in many logistical and safety matters. The commute to and from Monte Sano requires commuters to make very dangerous left hand turns, both coming and going from Monte Sano, at the worst times of day on a stretch of highway that is known to be very dangerous (Governor's Drive on the mountain). This proposed rezoning would place the lives of both our children and their parents at great peril twice a day every school day.

Further, our neighborhood is 1.7 miles from our neighborhood school, Blossomwood Elementary. We can see the school from our neighborhood. It is close to where most of our parents work, and currently allows for optimal parental involvement of working parents. Monte Sano is 4 miles in the opposite direction, and would make involvement much more difficult for working parents.

We are grateful for your efforts in desegregating our schools, and trust that you will take action in response to our reasonable and prudent concerns, which are in the best interest of our children.

Petition:

Please amend the current consent order proposal to keep the Covemont neighborhood in the Blossomwood Elementary school zone.

This petition is closed

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